

# TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

**DATE:** June 14, 2016

**TIME:** 12:00 P.M., CST

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Emergency Telephonic Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist  
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist  
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist  
Debby Starr, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist  
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Morton, Citizen Member

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hannah Lanford, Assistant General Counsel  
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Wilkins called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Ms. Wilkins read the required teleconference script, confirming by roll call that a quorum was present, and that all participants could hear each other.

Ms. Wilkins advised the Board of the purpose of this emergency meeting, which is to ratify the withdrawal of rules previously approved by the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists. Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to proceed with conducting this meeting electronically. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried.

Ms. Wilkins advised the Board that the amendment to Rule 1370-02-.06, which would decrease renewal fees for licensees, was set to become effective in July 2016. Due to a potential budget deficit faced by the Council, they voted at a special emergency meeting to withdraw the rule, and keep renewal fees at the current rate. As final approval of this rule before the Government Operations Committee is scheduled to take place on June 15, 2016, it was felt that action should be taken prior to the G.O.C. meeting. Ms. Wilkins asked the Board to consider that, as the physical presence of all Board members is not possible, due to the period of time required for action; and the participation by some or all of the Board members by electronic means is necessary. Dr. Starr made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, that this matter meets all the requirements to conduct the meeting electronically. A roll call vote was held, and the motion carried.

Further discussion was held regarding the rule change, and the withdrawal. Mr. Custer advised the Board of the reasons behind the forecast budget deficit that the Council would be facing, and why it was felt that the reduction of fees was not proper at this time. After more discussion, Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to ratify the withdrawal of the amendment to Rule 1370-02-.06. A roll call vote was held, and the motion carried.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Crittendon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

*Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on August 9, 2016*